



Mr. Earl H. Cheek

Based on national recognition and honors earned, Earl Cheek, Sr., was one of the most outstanding high school vocational agriculture teachers in America, let alone Georgia and Houston County. Mr. Cheek was a classroom teacher and Future Farmers of America (FFA) advisor for 37 years, 19 of which were spent at Perry High School where he retired in 1974.

His FFA Chapters earned National Gold Emblem designation 19 times and were named the outstanding chapter in Georgia on seven occasions. Twenty-five of his students earned American Farmer designation while 250 were recognized as Georgia Planters. His students were among the winners in every FFA award category.

Mr. Cheek was born December 28, 1916, in Hart County, Georgia, and earned bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Georgia. He is a retired U.S. Air Force Lieutenant Colonel and veteran of WWII. He has been extensively involved in the Perry civic and church communities as well as in University of Georgia and FFA national affairs. Mr. Cheek has received numerous awards at all levels for his leadership and service to community, state and national organizations and efforts.

He and the late Marion Hunter Cheek are parents of three children, all of whom are educators. He and his wife Norma Wilson Cheek reside in Perry.